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The end for old buildings – and a new start as elderly get pensions

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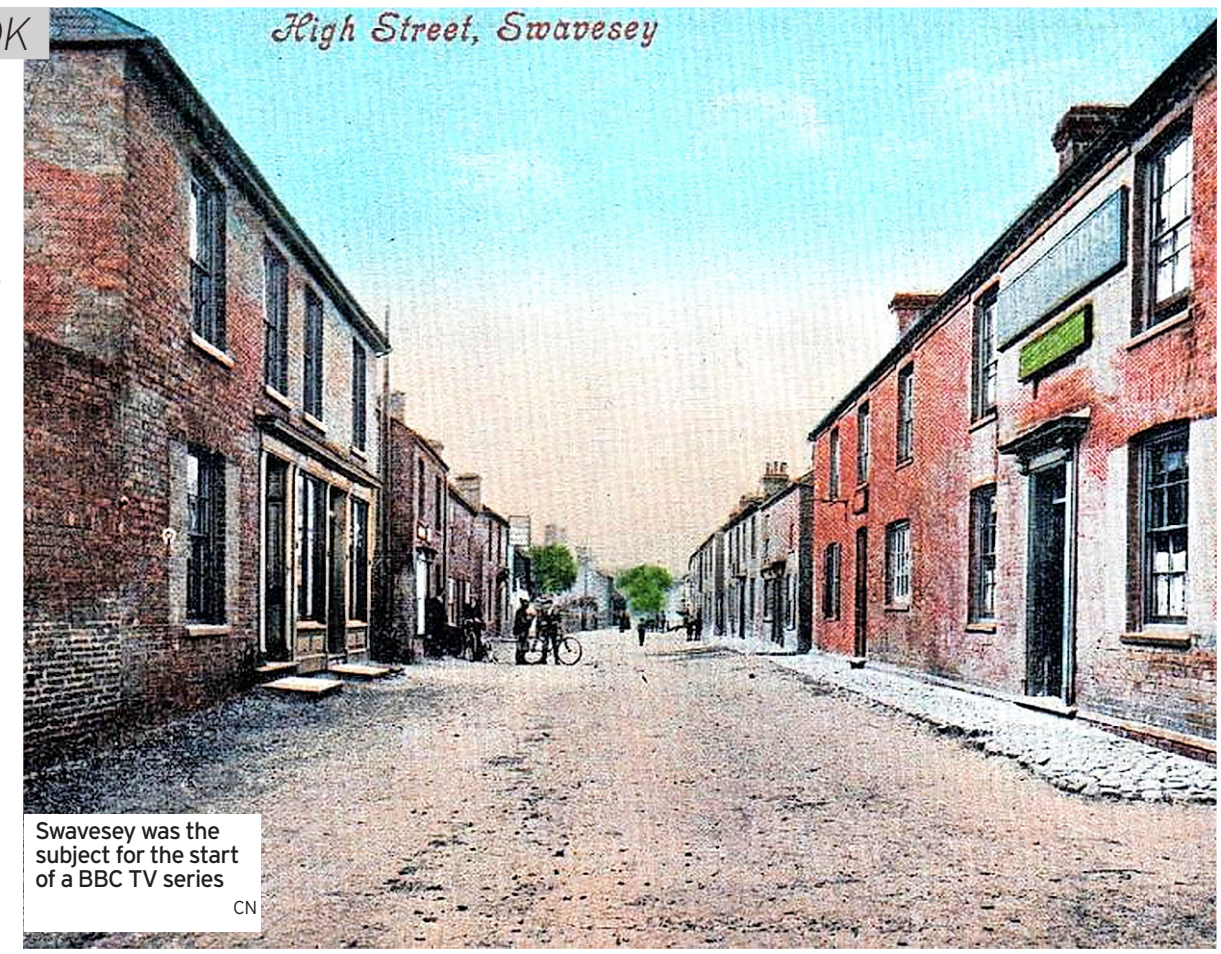

Swavesey was the subject for the start of a BBC TV series

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Village to feature in new TV series – 1982

SWAVESEY will feature in the first of a new television series called 'History on Your Doorstep.'

Local historian Jack Ravensdale will show former London taxi driver and winner of Mastermind Fred Housego the remains of a castle and mediaeval dock system.

The BBC was inundated with letters after its family history programmes and, as there are fears that the pressure on libraries and archivists could be excessive, they have issued guidelines and Jack has written a book to accompany the series.

King's College rebuts criticism of demolition – 1960

KING'S College has replied to criticism of its plans to demolish the 17th-century Central Hotel on the corner of St Edward's Passage and Peas Hill.

Whilst the Midland Bank premises are scheduled as an ancient monument, the St Edward's Passage premises are not.

The college has considered eleven schemes for the site, some of which would preserve the façade, but the preservation of the interior was a hopelessly haphazard proposition.

Their architect has taken infinite care to ensure the new building preserves the essentially domestic character of St Edward's Passage, says Noel Annan, the Provost.

Elderly show benefits of married life – 1960

THE present generation of old people grew up before the welfare state came into being and had to go without many of the things which today makes life easier for everyone.

A recent survey showed that 96 per cent of old people lived independent lives. But those who were in care were very much frailer than those being looked after 10 years before and this made for greater demands on the staff.

It is very rare to find married couples entering old people's homes. The only couple at present in the care of the county council married after entering the home.

King's College defended its decision to demolish the Central Hotel

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Why are potatoes dirty? And other questions – 1958

CAMBRIDGE farmers met a group of housewives to address points of friction between producer and consumer.

Why do farmers breed animals with a lot of fat on them when the housewife wants lean meat? Because, during the war, it was the government who bought meat from the farmer and they always required a good fat animal.

Why are potatoes so dirty? If they cleaned them, we could see the blight and would not buy them – was one reply from the ladies.

What if an atom bomb dropped on Cambridge? – 1952

THE secretary of Cambridge scientists' anti-war group told what would happen if an atom bomb were dropped on the city.

It could be assumed that 50,000 people would be killed and the same number injured by one bomb three times as powerful as that dropped on Nagasaki.

It would mean that 85 percent of the people in Cambridge would be disposed of.

Addenbrooke's hospital would disappear and every building would probably be set seriously on fire.

If shelters were provided, the fatal casualties could be cut down to 14,000 and perhaps only 10,000 would be injured – but how could these be dealt with by the medical facilities?

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